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 FOR: MILK FLOW METER FOR A MILKING SYSTEM )  
 HAVING A SUBSTANTIALLY STABLE VACUUM )  
 LEVEL AND METHOD FOR USING SAME )  
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No additional fees are deemed due herein. However, if any fees are required for any reason, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 13-2515.

#### REMARKS

None of the prior art described above anticipates, discloses, suggests or teaches the invention disclosed in the Specification and claimed herein.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider this prior art and to include the same as listed prior art in the United States Patent issuing hereon.

Respectfully submitted



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